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If two shipbuilding ways are being used to construct the Krupnyyclass ships, one covered and one open, then Krupnyy number 3 probably was launched about September/October 1959 from the same covered way as Krupnyy number 1. Krupnyy number 4 was launched between 23 January and 10 February 1960 from the open way 4/. These also should be completed in 1960.

In addition to the Krupnyy-class destroyers, the shipyard is building a series of Kirgizstan-class passenger ships. The first ship, the Kirgizstan, was launched from one of the covered ways in late April 1959 and completed in January 1960. Soviet press articles state that two will be launched and one delivered in 1960 5/. It is believed that only one shipbuilding way is allocated to this program. As the covered building is estimated to be about 550 feet long and the passenger ships are only about 333 feet long, one and one-half ships can be under construction at one time on one way. This method which currently is being used, where permissable, throughout the USSR, would produce two launchings from one way in 1960.

Apparently only two of the shipyard's four covered ways and one of the several open ways are being used to assemble destroyer and passenger ships. Based on the building rate, particularly the time required to assemble the two Krupnyy-class destroyers on the open way where limited weight handling facilities are available, it is entirely possible that the remaining two covered ways are used for the assembly of large subassemblies mounted on cradles supported by trucks and moved to the other covered ways and to the open way for final assembly into a completed ship.

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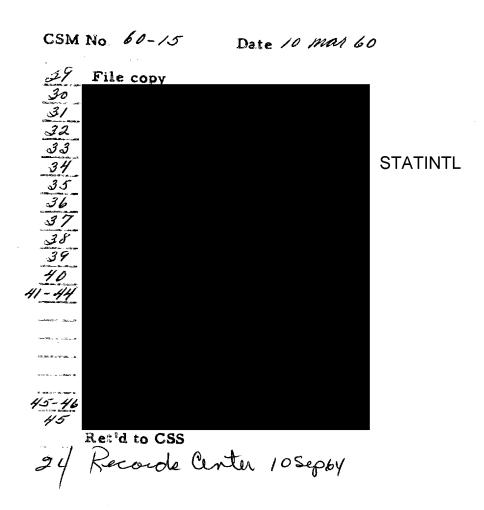
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